

Word Clue Hunt

Look at the beginning or the end of each word.

2.2.B.vi "decoding words with prefixes, including un-, re-, and dis-, and inflectional endings, including -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, and -est; and"

NAME _____

DATE _____

BEGINNING

BEGIN words have un-, re-, or dis- at the beginning. These word parts can change what a word means.

repaint

ENDING

END words have -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, or -est at the end. These word parts can show more than one, when, or how something happens.

buzzing

1 SORT _____ 8 items

For Part 1, circle BEGIN or END for each word; for Part 2, choose two words and explain which word clue helped you.

1. unkind

BEGIN

END

2. foxes

BEGIN

END

3. rewrite

BEGIN

END

4. disagree

BEGIN

END

5. played

BEGIN

END

6. unzip

BEGIN

END

7. smaller

BEGIN

END

8. reread

BEGIN

END

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one new BEGIN word and one new END word.

BEGIN _____

END _____

CHALLENGE

Write a base word. Make one BEGIN word and one END word from it.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	unkind	BEGIN	un- is at the beginning.
2	foxes	END	-es is at the end.
3	rewrite	BEGIN	re- is at the beginning.
4	disagree	BEGIN	dis- is at the beginning.
5	played	END	-ed is at the end.
6	unzip	BEGIN	un- is at the beginning.
7	smaller	END	-er is at the end.
8	reread	BEGIN	re- is at the beginning.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **BEGIN:** unfair
- **END:** jumping

Challenge: safe: unsafe and safer

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item. Accept other correctly spelled words with un-, re-, or dis- for BEGIN. Accept words with -s, -es, -ed, -ing, -er, or -est for END, as long as the ending is used correctly.